

Hemp Webinar Course Curriculum: Successful Establishment of CBD Hemp

Week 1: Lessons learned in 2019/2020

Discussion on lessons learned in 2019 and how growers prepared for the 2020 growing season

Week 2: The 2021 Regulations and impacts of grower decisions

Discussion on uncertainties around 2020 regulations and how those presented opportunities and challenges

Week 3: Seven Things Every First Time Grower Should Know

Top basic techniques necessary for all aspiring CBD hemp growers

Week 4: How to Identify Bad Actors in the Hemp Industry

This class lists several ways you can avoid minefields and ways to avoid getting the short end of the stick

Week 5: Five Keys to Identifying the Right Genetics for your Operation

Discussion on how to ask the right questions to seed dealers and strategies to identify good genetics

Week 6: Growing Transplants- Getting Your Hemp Started Right

Covers the basics of transplant cell size, fertility, and overall care of those little plants packed with potential

Week 7: Techniques and Tips for Transplanting CBD hemp

Covers ideal transplant size and maturity, proper depth of placement into the soil, and how to get that plant off to a great start. Includes transplanting into raised beds and plastic. This class will give participants confidence of knowing how to do it right and maximize their efforts

Week 8: Direct-Seeding CBD Hemp- Is that Even Possible?

This is mostly done with autoflower hemp. The presenter will share his experience seeding 47 acres of direct seeding CBD hemp in 2019.

Week 9: Irrigation

Since hemp is a high-value crop, irrigation is strongly recommended. Class mostly focuses on use of drip irrigation and methods of laying the drip lines. Especially beneficial to First time growers.

Week 10: Nutrient Management and How to Determine Fertility Needs

Discusses the commonly recognized recommendations for the fertility needs of hemp. The class will give the basic info to get your crop off and running and then dialed in for the latter stages of flower production.

Week 11: Weed Control

Herbicide options are not available for most hemp and most extractors or retail customers do not want them used in CBD hemp production. Cover crops and no-till strategies as well as mowing will be revisited

Week 12: Scouting for and destroying males

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Week 13: Crop Scouting: Strategies for identifying nutrient deficiency

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Week 14: Scouting for pests and identifying beneficial insects

Good bugs, bad bugs, how to tell the difference

Week 15: Five reasons to consider using auto-flower hemp varieties

Explores auto Flower - day length neutral (as opposed to photo sensitive) varieties; matures faster and opens up the opportunity to plant and harvest early in the season, thus expanding management options.

Week 16: Growing CBD hemp using regenerative strategies

This class explores the use of cover crops and no-till practices in growing hemp

Week 17: Growing two hemp crops in one year in High Tunnels

Covers strategies for growing hemp in high tunnels

Week 18: Potency testing plan

Covers regulations, regulation inconsistencies and compliance challenges

Week 19: Hemp Crash Course

Covers the basics one needs to know to get into hemp growing right away; basic info required for those who are still considering joining this industry.